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**MISSION COVERAGE INDEX**  
**MISSIONS [REDACTED] 2179, 3071 6 OCTOBER 1964**  
**MISSION [REDACTED] 1185 9 OCTOBER 1964**

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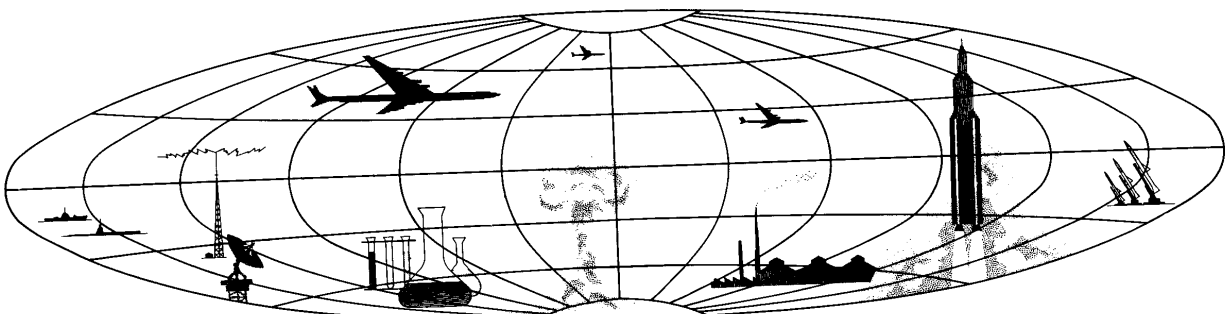


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PREFACE

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EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS AND PHOTO REFERENCES USED IN PRESENTING THE INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE APPENDIX. THE MAP BASE USED (WHEN AVAILABLE) FOR THE DERIVATION OF COORDINATES IN THIS MCI IS THE LATEST EDITION OF THE AMS SERIES L509, SCALE 1/250,000 AND L004, 1/50,000.

THE USER OF THIS MCI IS CAUTIONED THAT THE SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AND OFTEN WITHOUT THE AID OF PRECISE ANALYTICAL AND MENSURAL TECHNIQUES COMMONLY EMPLOYED IN DETAILED PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HEREIN IS ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE, ADDITIONAL, DETAILED ANALYSIS MAY SOMEWHAT ALTER PORTIONS OF THE INFORMATION.

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
			BE	NPIC
<p>-LAOS-</p> <p>AIR INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>BAN NA SAO AREA, POSSIBLE LANDING STRIP U/C 25X1D 2.5 NM WEST OF BAN NA SAO AT UTM [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 1,600 X 50 FT NW/SE SOD POSSIBLE LANDING STRIP UNDER CONSTRUCTION, UNSERVICEABLE. NUMEROUS SMALL BUILDINGS OBSERVED IN A FENCED AREA AT SE END OF RUNWAY. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED] 25X1D</p> <p>BAN NON HON AREA, LANDING STRIP 1.6 NM WEST OF BAN NON HON. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE MISSION [REDACTED] 25X1D EIGHT TRUCKS OBSERVED. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED] 25X1D</p> <p>MILITARY INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>BAN THAY, AAA SITE 25X1D 0.4 NM NW OF BAN THAY AT UTM [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ONE 4-GUN OCCUPIED 37 MM AAA SITE AND ONE 4-GUN AW POSITION (OCCUPANCY UNDETERMINED). FOUR SMALL HUTS OBSERVED IN AREA.</p>	1939N 10255E	0617		478-0
	1926N 10305E	0617		427-A
	1634N 10604E	0617		192-E

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25X1D [REDACTED] BAN VANG NOU, POSSIBLE MILITARY CAMP EAST EDGE OF BAN VANG NOU. AREA APPEARS ABANDONED. TRENCH IS OVERGROWN WITH VEGETATION. BUILDING APPEARS DETERIORATED. [REDACTED]	1646N 10606E	0617		359-A
25X1D [REDACTED] BAN BOUA AREA, STRONGPOINTS SIX STRONGPOINTS IN BAN BOUA VICINITY. STRONGPOINTS A-E -- NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION [REDACTED] 25X1D A NEWLY IDENTIFIED STRONGPOINT (STRONGPOINT F) OBSERVED AT UTM [REDACTED] 25X1D [REDACTED]	1920N 10312E	0617		130-Q1
25X1D [REDACTED] BAN NON HON AREA, STRONGPOINTS THREE STRONGPOINTS IN BAN NON HON. AREA A -- NOT COVERED. AREAS B AND C -- NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION [REDACTED] 25X1D [REDACTED]	1925N 10304E	0617		427-K

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<p>KHANG KHAI AREA, STRONGPOINTS FOUR STRONGPOINTS WEST AND NW OF KHANG KHAI (REFERENCED FROM KHANG KHAI). 25X1D</p> <p>STRONGPOINT A (2.1 NM NW AT UTM [REDACTED] -- 4 TRENCH SYSTEMS WITH NUMEROUS FIRING BAYS WITHIN A 0.4 NM AREA.</p> <p>STRONGPOINTS B-D -- NOT COVERED. [REDACTED]</p> <p>25X1D</p>	1928N 10314E	0617		309-B
<p>BAN LEN AREA, STRONGPOINTS TEN STRONGPOINTS IN BAN LEN VICINITY.</p> <p>STRONGPOINTS A, C, AND D -- NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION [REDACTED] 25X1D</p> <p>STRONGPOINTS B AND F-I -- NOT COVERED.</p> <p>STRONGPOINT E -- NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED]</p> <p>25X1D</p> <p>STRONGPOINT J -- NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED]</p> <p>25X1D</p>	1929N 10311E	0617		121-H
<p>KHANG KHAI AREA, AAA/FA SITES THIRTEEN SITES IN KHANG KHAI VICINITY.</p> <p>SITES J AND K -- NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION [REDACTED] 25X1D</p>	1929N 10315E	0617		309-E

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<p>SITES L AND M -- NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION [REDACTED]</p> <p>OTHER SITES NOT COVERED. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>BAN POUNG NOI AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY EIGHT AAA SITES AND ONE MORTAR SITE ONE NM EAST OF BAN POUNG NOI.</p> <p>SITE A (UTM [REDACTED]) -- ONE 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE, UNOCCUPIED.</p> <p>SITE B (UTM [REDACTED]) -- CIRCULAR TRENCH SYSTEM WITH 4 MORTAR POSITIONS, OCCUPANCY UNDETERMINED.</p> <p>SITE C (UTM [REDACTED]) -- ONE 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE, UNOCCUPIED.</p> <p>SITE D (UTM [REDACTED]) -- ONE 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE, UNOCCUPIED.</p> <p>SITE E (UTM [REDACTED]) -- ONE 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE, UNOCCUPIED.</p> <p>SITE F (UTM [REDACTED]) -- ONE 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE, OCCUPIED.</p> <p>SITE G (UTM [REDACTED]) -- ONE 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE, OCCUPIED.</p>	1933N 10305E	0617		426-F

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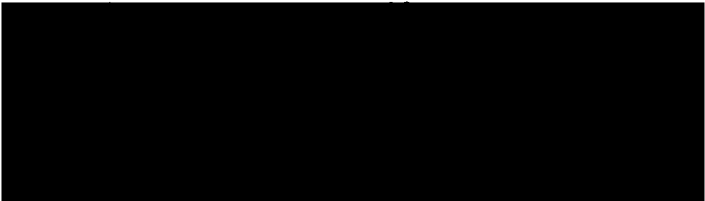
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<p>25X1D</p> <p>SITE H (UTM [REDACTED]) -- ONE 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE, OCCUPIED.</p> <p>25X1D</p> <p>SITE I (UTM [REDACTED]) -- ONE 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE, OCCUPANCY UNDETERMINED.</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p> <p>MISCELLANEOUS</p> <p>ROUTE 9</p> <p>SINGLE-LANE, NATURAL SURFACE ROAD IN POOR-TO-FAIR CONDITION WITH NUMEROUS RUTS AND WATER-FILLED POTHOLES OBSERVED INTERMITTENTLY FROM 16-32N 106-00E TO 16-37N 106-35E. AND FROM 16-32N 106-01N TO 16-32N 105-58E. BRIDGE AT 16-41N 106-12E (NEAR TCHEPONE) STILL OUT, WITH LUMBER STACKED AT EAST END. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>25X1D</p> <p>ROUTE 23</p> <p>ROUTE 23 (PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ROUTE 12A) OBSERVED INTERMITTENTLY FROM 16-19N 105-56E TO 17-33N 105-44E. SINGLE-LANE NATURAL SURFACE ROAD IN POOR-TO-FAIR CONDITION WITH SECTIONS OF ROAD IMPASSABLE.</p>				

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<p>-LAOS-</p> <p>AIR INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>TCHEPONE AIRFIELD 25X1A</p> <p>COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p> <p>BAN NON HON AIRFIELD</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p> <p>MILITARY INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>MUONG PHINE MILITARY AREAS</p> <p>COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED] 25X1A</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p> <p>BAN THAY, MILITARY AREA</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p>	<p>1643N 10612E</p> <p>1926N 10305E</p> <p>1632N 10602E</p> <p>1635N 10604E</p>	<p>0617</p> <p>0617</p> <p>0617</p> <p>0617</p>	<p>25X1A</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>25X1A</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>124</p> <p>427</p> <p>192</p> <p>192-A</p>

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	25X1D [REDACTED]				
25X1D	BAN PHO AREA, MILITARY CAMP [REDACTED]	1637N 10636E	0617		272-C
25X1D	TCHEPONE AREA, MILITARY AREAS COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED]	1642N 10613E	0617		124-C
25X1D	BAN NA NHOM, MILITARY AREA [REDACTED]	1702N 10544E	0617		271
25X1D	BAN LANG KHANG, STRONGPOINT COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED]	1733N 10544E	0617		199-A
25X1D	BAN TON AREA, SP GUN EMPLACEMENTS [REDACTED]	1924N 10309E	0617		479-D
25X1D	BAN NON HON AREA, MILITARY AREAS [REDACTED]	1926N 10305E	0617		427-G
25X1D	BAN SAO, ARMOR STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE AREA [REDACTED]	1927N 10307E	0617		427-E

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BAN NONG AREA, DEFENSE POSITIONS 25X1D [REDACTED]	1931N 10311E	0617		121-K
25X1D BASIC SERVICES				
BAN LANG KHANG, REST/REFUEL/SUPPLY POINT 25X1D [REDACTED]	1734N 10543E	0617		199-D
25X1D STORAGE				
BAN NON HON AREA, STORAGE AREA 25X1D [REDACTED]	1926N 10305E	0617		427-H
25X1D				

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-LAOS-				
AIR INSTALLATIONS				
BAN HOUET SANE AIRFIELD	1636N 10633E	0617	25X1A	217-A
COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED] 25X1A			[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED] 25X1D				
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS				
BAN THAT HAI AREA, MILITARY AREAS	1617N 10557E	0617		375
COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED] 25X1A				
[REDACTED] 25X1D				
BAN HOUET SANE, MILITARY AREAS	1636N 10632E	0617		217
[REDACTED] 25X1D				
BAN KHA DAP, PROBABLE MILITARY CAMP	1637N 10630E	0617		411
[REDACTED] 25X1D				
BAN DONG, MILITARY AREAS	1638N 10625E	0617		270
[REDACTED] 25X1D				

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## APPENDIX

### COLUMN HEADINGS

City, Installation--This column contains the name of the city or town nearest the installation, followed by the name of the installation. If the name of the installation is not known, it is titled according to its function. Where appropriate, the city and installation names are followed by a capsule description.

Coordinates--Coordinates are referenced to the SW corner of the minute square. When the subject installation covers a wide area, coordinates are given for the approximate center of the installation.

WAC--This column provides the World Aeronautical Chart number for that area in which the subject installation is situated.

Installation Numbers--This column is divided into two subcolumns. The first subcolumn lists, when known, the BE installation number assigned to the installation. The second subcolumn lists the installation number assigned by NPIC. Installation numbers, when used to reference an item, should be prefixed by the appropriate WAC number, since installation numbers are repeated from WAC to

WAC. For example, there is an NPIC target number 0499-15-A and an NPIC target number 0498-15-A. In each instance, the NPIC installation number is 15-A, but the installations appear on different WAC charts.

### COMOR TARGET NUMBERS

Target numbers assigned by the Committee on Over-head Reconnaissance (COMOR), when available, are listed directly above the photo reference data.

### PHOTO REFERENCE DATA

The photo reference data indicates the frame(s) on which the installation appears.

### CONDITIONS AFFECTING PHOTOGRAPHY

Following the photo reference data, symbols indicate conditions which affect the appearance of the installation on the photography. The symbols are: C (clear); SC (scattered clouds); HC (heavy clouds); SC-HC (scattered-to-heavy clouds); H (haze); CS (cloud shadow); SD (semi-darkness); O (obliquity); and PQ (poor image quality).

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